

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

November 7, 2018 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Al Johnson, Council Members: Bruce E. Rivers, Gerald L. Miller, Ralph E. Watson, William R. Butler, Mary D. Anderson and Ben Teal.

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Douglas Curtis and Council Member Hattie Burns.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Interim Administrator/Public Works Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Lisa Gainey – Human Resource Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator, Don Worthington – The Pageland Progressive Journal, Jack Hurst, Ralph Laney, Director, Chesterfield County DSS and Robert Monnie – The Link. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

PRESS: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 178 Mill Street, Chesterfield, SC, and the County Website (www.chesterfieldcountysc.com). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*). Members of the press present: Robert Monnie – The Link and Don Worthington – The Pageland Progressive Journal.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Wm. Rhett Butler opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Watson made a motion to adopt the November 7, 2018 meeting agenda. Council Member Teal seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. October 3, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve the October 3, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Worthington, Editor, The Pageland Progressive Journal

Advised he would like to extend a personal invitation to Council to attend a Centennial Celebration for the soldiers of Chesterfield County of World War I. He stated this has been a yearlong research project the paper has undertaken and that they will have more specific information to present to Council later on about what they have learned. Mr. Worthington gave

Council some statistics and information regarding World War I that pertains to Chesterfield County.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Reassessment Postponement Ordinance – Public Hearing

Council Member Butler made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Reassessment Postponement Ordinance – 3rd Reading

Council Member Butler made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Lease-Purchase Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Council Member Miller made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Eubanks gave Council an update on the Judicial Center Project and advised that Phase II has been completed. He advised that there are still roads that are closed, two of which have bridges, and that they are waiting on an adjuster to come and someone to inspect site. DRC at Tec will be closing down at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. He advised that a Pre-Construction meeting was held on Woodland and Birdsong and work is scheduled to start December 3, 2018.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Watson: Advised that he had placed an Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Department Contact List at each seat. He advised he obtained this list while attending a meeting in Washington and that this list contained some very good contact information.

Council Member Rivers: Stated that the Ralph Laney, the Director of Chesterfield County DSS, was present at the meeting and he just wanted to let Council know that he had some job openings available but they were unable to fill the openings because they do not have sufficient space for them in the new building. Council Member Rivers stated DSS has a new building but it was not built big enough and that a lot things are changing with DSS in Columbia, and they are trying to get a handle on some of those things because some of the monies that have been coming back to Chesterfield County, for the time right now, will not be coming back to Chesterfield County. He stated he appreciated what Mr. Laney was doing in trying to keep Council up to date with what's going on and that Council will do everything they can to assist him with the State.

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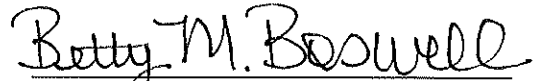
Council Member Rivers made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Teal seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: December 5, 2018

ATTEST:


Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council